

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:391
ANSWERED ON:22.04.2010
SALARY TO AIR INDIA EMPLOYEES
Gutha Shri Sukender Reddy

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Air India had withheld payment of salaries to its employees for the month of March 2010;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to avoid recurrence of this practice and ensure regular payment of salaries to the employees of Air India?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a), (b), (c) and (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a), (b), (c) and (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 391 FOR ANSWER ON 22.04.2010 TABLED BY SHRI GUTHA SUKHENDER REDDY, MP REGARDING SALARY TO AIR INDIA EMPLOYEES.

(a), (b), (c) and (d): No, Madam. The salary for the month of March, 2010 was paid to the employees of Air India on 7.4.2010. The above postponement was necessitated due to committed March year end payments to Oil Companies/Airports Authority of India/Foreign and Indian Vendors/repayment of loans and interest obligations/Bank loan rollovers. Government is continuously monitoring the financial position and restructuring plan of Air India.